Approved Industrial Licences and letters of intent

2007. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of industrial licences and letters of intent issued as at the end of 1988, State-wise;

(b) whether some States are lagging behind others in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 112]

(b) and (c) Grant of industrial approvals i.e. letters of intent/industrial licences under the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, depends upon the number of applications received for setting up of units in a particular state. These applications are considered on merit, for grant of industrial approvals.

Increase in the price of Folic Acid

2008. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL has increased the price of Folic Acid by Rs. 610 per kg. which is over 20 per cent of the present price;

(b) whether it is also a fact that based on current varified costs, they had to reduce even below the existing price;

(c) on what grounds such a steep increase in price has not been subjected to scrutiny; and

(d) what is the import price of this drug?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of Non-scheduled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and intervene wherever found necessary.

(d) Imported prices of drugs are not monitored by this Ministry

Non-payment of the deposits taken for dealership firms by the Maruti Udyog Limited

2009. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several complaints that the deposits taken for dealership firms before nationalisation of Maruti Udyog Limited have not yet been returned; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Claims for refund of dealership deposits fall under category IV (b) of the Maruti Udyog Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980 (64 of 1980). Interim awards allowing 50% of the principal amount of the deposits have already been passed and amounts disbursed to the claimants. Disbursement of the balance amount is not possible as the matter is *subjudice*.